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TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM

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Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430*

OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT July 15, 2013

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TOWN COMMITTEES

Currently there are openings on the following (1) Conservation Commission, (2) Council on Aging Board, (2) Agricultural Commission, (1) Board of Assessors, (1) Advisory Board and (4) Cable Advisory Board. These are listed on the Town's website under Volunteer Opportunities.

VMS BUILDING

At the VMS tag sale during Downtown day, Saturday, June 29th and the Town netted \$229. All articles sold have been picked up and I will now reach out to non-profits for their interest in any of the unsold items. Sylvia Turcotte and Doug Carlman stayed for the 6 hours and their help is greatly appreciated.

Fuel tank removal contract has been given to Moschetti from Templeton and it should begin shortly.

FIRE

Chief and I started negotiations with the Fire Union on Thursday the 11th of July their contract expired on June 30th of this year.

YEAR END

I will be asking the Board and Advisory Board to sign the year-end inter-departmental transfers. This will allow us to close out the books for FY13. There will be one more warrant on the 25th to clean up any outstanding bills.

GREEN COMMUNITY

Maureen Pollock, our Conservation Agent, Dick Reynolds, the Building Commissioner, and I met with Kelly Brown from the Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to determine what we would need to do to become a Green Community. There is a one-time \$140,000 grant that we would receive to do energy upgrades on any of our Town buildings.

VACATION

I will be on vacation July 28 thru August 2, 2013. Sylvia Turcotte will be in charge during my absence, and as always I will be available by email.

CONSERVATION AGENT

Maureen Pollock has informed me that she is resigning from her position effective July 18th to take a full-time position in Greenfield. We wish her all the best.

BOND RATING

On June 25th there was a telephone interview with our Bond Counsel and Moody's. Paul Pollastri, Tanya Gaylord, Harald Scheid and I were in attendance. We were given a temporary borrowing rating of MIG1 which is the best you can get. Last year's A1 rating is anticipated but we have not yet been notified.

WATER PROJECT

Here's a quick update on the water system projects over the past month:

1. Five Oaks completed the remaining items on their punch list, which included the following:
 - a. Replaced 4 dead pine trees at the Cushing Street tank site
 - b. Re-graded and seeded the High Street tank site

We reminded Five Oaks that July is not the optimal time to plant seed. Five Oaks understands they are responsible to re- seed or replace the trees if the seed doesn't take or the trees don't survive.

2. Five Oaks/Ewing Electric are scheduled to replace the adjustable frequency drives (AFD's) and the pressure transmitter at the water treatment plant by the end of July. Five Oaks' plumber should be installing the pressure sensor within the next 2 weeks and Ewing has targeted the week of July 22nd to install the AFD's.

DONATION OF LAND

With the installation of the Solar project off Murray Road there will be an excess piece of property that is mostly wetland delineation. The Town through the Conservation Commission has been approached to donate Parcel B on the map of approx. 44.4AC. It has been requested that it either be a Conservation Restriction or the property be donated to the Town and placed under the Conservation Commission.